

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 1 and 2, 2012 meetings were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

- The Board of Works approved the quote from Owens Excavating to demolish the structure on West 5th Street. After this job is completed they will discuss whether or not they want him to take down the Harrison Street structure.
- The ad has been sent to the newspaper for requests for proposals for the energy efficiency study.
- The Board of Works voted to move forward with the easements for the walking trails.
- Mayor Pavey attended the IACT conference and said he picked up some very good information. He encouraged Council to attend next year if their schedules allow.
- The City Attorney will be preparing resolutions/ordinances related to ADA.
- Thanked everyone for their cooperation at the budget workshop.
- Spoke with Judge Hill regarding a grant that he has applied for in reference to community corrections.
- We are currently having discussions regarding policy changes at the animal shelter for animal care, vicious animals, and the adoption policy.
- The Board of Works approved the maintenance contract for one of the stream gauges for the levee.
- Bob Bridges has completed his certification to teach DARE.
- The Library will have a fund raising task force meeting Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- ARC's annual bowling event will be November 11th.
- Asked Council if they wanted to have the next Council meeting on the regular scheduled day, which is Election Day. Council agreed to the next meeting date to be Wednesday, November 7th.
- A 3rd grant has been received on the audio visual streaming from Duke Energy.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Bridges informed Council that this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. the Boys and Girls Club will be having their annual wine tasting fund raiser. He encouraged all to attend and show their support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amphitheater Committee – Mayor Pavey said the committee is working on the layout for concerts for 2013.

Comprehensive Plan – Pavey will obtain a copy of the report from Joe Rathz for review.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works accepted the quote from Owens Excavating for one structure. They will have him demolish the property on West 5th Street and then consider the one on Harrison Street.

Jenkins passed out a report from Reedy Financial in regard to the EMS proposal.

Police – Councilman Conner complemented Officer Randy Meek on the impressive job he did for the department in a tense situation.

Street – Miller said the Street Department will sponsor a haunted hayride on the 20th and 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. weather permitting.

Park – Mathews reported that the hole in the park has been filled in. He thanked the Street Department for their work.

The Halloween parade will be on the 31st. Lineup will be at 5:30 with judging at 6:00. He said they would welcome volunteers.

Mathews reported that they have purchased new equipment for North Memorial Park. He said it is a nice piece of equipment and is similar to Noah's Ark.

Animal – Moran said they will be having an event this Saturday at Family Video from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Councilman Berkemeier said he had a concern from Jessica Teague that he had forwarded to the Council members. Pavey said he looked into the matter and said there was nothing the City could do because it was a civil matter. After further discussion it was decided that we need to review the old rental ordinance.

Councilman Sheehan said he has received some complaints on the US 52 project. Miller said he has been told that the State is planning on putting on a ½ inch surface to remedy the problems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2013 Budget Adoption – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-23, adoption of the 2013 budget. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Code – Pavey said he has met with Kate Singleton Meyer and they believe it is in our best interest to move forward with a City building code. He will have something for Council to review by the next meeting.

Fireworks – Pavey passed out a copy of an ordinance for review. Bridges made a motion to table until the next meeting. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Salary Ordinance 2013-20, Salaries for 2013 – Smith said he would like to consider increasing the department heads salaries, but after discussion with the Clerk-Treasurer decided it would be better to review this next year instead of this year.

Berkemeier said he was not in favor of the 1% increase for Council. Pavey said compared to the County Council and the Utility Board, Council's salary is very low. He suggested leaving the 1% increase as is since it was a very minimal amount.

Bridges made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2013-20 on first and second readings. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to suspend the rules. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2013-20 on third reading. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elected Officials Salary Ordinance 2013-21 – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-21 on first and second readings. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to suspend the rules. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-21 on third reading. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2012-24 City Utility Salaries for 2013 – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-24. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utility 2013 Budget – Sheehan made a motion to approve the City Utility’s 2013 budget. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-14 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-14. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE

Organization Donation Contracts – Pavey passed out copies of contracts for those organizations to which we give donations and asked Council for their approval. After review Councilman Sheehan made a motion to approve the contracts to be sent to those organizations that we give annual donations. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS Report – Mayor Pavey said there are some items that will need to be in place if the City decides to proceed with providing EMS services. One of those would be to acquire a sponsor hospital. He asked Council permission to begin putting some of those items in place. Smith made a motion for the Mayor to move forward with the items for the EMS service. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER